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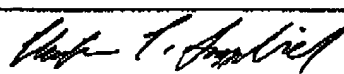
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Robert Charles Downs

Application No.: 09/810,020

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PERFORMING MULTIPLE PROCESSING
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action (hereinafter, "Action")
mailed March 19, 2003, which specifies a shortened statutory period for reply of one month. A
transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Action restricts pending claims 1-31 of the subject application into four
groups, namely, Group I (claims 1-15 and 23-25), Group II (claims 16-20), Group III (claims 21
and 22), and Group IV (claims 26-31). Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the invention
of Group I (claims 1-15 and 23-25). Further, an election of species requirement was imposed for
Group I claims. Applicants provisionally elect species alleged with respect to Group I as
follows: Aa, Bab, Cb, and Da. Claims reading on these elected species are at least 1-3, 5, 7, 12,
14, 15, and 23-25.